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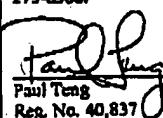
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**AMENDMENT**

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This Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated January 27, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims section which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Demonstrative Figures A-C are attached hereto as Exhibit 1.